(b) the number of pilots and others, if any, who lost their lives as a result thereof;

(c) whether an inquiry into the crash has been held; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two pilots were killed in the accident.

(c) and (d) A Court of Inquiry has been ordered and is in progress.

Purchase of MIGs and Admiral Gorshkov

802. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have entered into an agreement to buy 25 MIG aircrafts along with the Admiral Gorshkov; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) No agreement has been entered into, so far.

IMA firing range at Dehradun

803. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun is going to loose its massive live firing range at Asan near Dehradun;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of field firing ranges which have been taken over from Army during the last ten years;

(d) whether it will not have adverse effect on Military Training; and

(e) the alternative arrangements being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) The firing range at Asan is notified upto 13th September, 2004 and its notification will be renewed thereafter, on expiry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No ranges have been taken over from the Army during the last ten years.

(d) and (e) In view of (c) above question does not arise.